Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Will the Government be pleased to find some money for this?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* It will be considered.

CHOWWARA—LEVEL CROSSING NEAR RAILWAY STATION

402. Mr. P. K. Madhava Menon *(Narakkal):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they are aware of the fact that a portion of K. 5. Chowwara village lies on the western side of the railway line; that the only possible means for people to get to that area is by trespassing the railway premises;

(*b*) whether they will be good enough to take early steps to have a level crossing put up, say at the northern extremity of the platform, to enable pedestrians and cattle to pass the railway line?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* (*a*) Yes, but the portion of Cochin territory lying to the west of the railway line is very small, comprising an area of 42·31 acres and a population of 50.

(*b*) Government do not consider it necessary to provide a level crossing, as the importance of the place and the population of the State that would be benefitted do not justify the expenditure involved.

Mr. P. K. Madhava Menon *(Narakkal):* Are the Government aware that people living in this side of the railway have to cross to the other side and that there is no other way? Can anything be done to avoid this?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* We will look into that matter.

LEPER CLINIC AT MULANTHURUTHI

403. Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* Will the Government be pleased to state whether the proposed leper clinic for Mulanthuruthi will be opened, and if so, when?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* The leper clinic at Mulanthuruthi has been opened since the 8th Vrischigam 1115.

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